


REMARKS

Claims 1 through 8 and 17 through 47 are in the case. Claims 1, 5 through 8, and 41 through 46 are amended by this amendment. Claim 47 is added by this amendment.

Applicants present that Stelzer, U.S. Patent No. 6,399,345 does not disclose how to guide a catheter and does not includes any details as how to control steering of the catheter and to achieve its flexibility except for a general statement that it is known in the art at col. 6, lines 11 to 14. Admundson, U.S. Patent No. 6,178,346, discloses using a catheter being guided by a separate guide wire, see col. 28, lines 45-49. Admundson further provides no details regarding active control or steering of an endoscopic catheter other than a general statement that it is known in the art at col. 32, lines 25-29. Brucker et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,643,197, does not disclose any details regarding active control or steering of an endoscopic catheter.

Applicants respectfully request prompt allowance of the claims.

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